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SUBJECT: FINANCING OF UNEF- SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT (S/11849)

REF: USUN 5155

1. IN PARA 24 OF SUBJECT REPORT SYG STATES THAT "COST OF UNEF FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 24, 1976 IS TENTATIVELY ESTIMATED" AT \$97 MILLION OR "\$32 MILLION OVER AND ABOVE THE AUTHORIZED LEVEL OF \$65 MILLION FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR..." SYG GOES ON TO STATE THAT IF CERTAIN REQUIRED ITEMS FOR EXPANDED MANDATE NOT PROVIDED UN ON NON-REIMBURSABLE BASIS, UN COSTS WILL INCREASE TO \$107 MILLION.

2. USUN HAS LEARNED FROM WELL-PLACED SECRETARIAT SOURCES THAT APPROACH USED BY SYG TO COME UP WITH \$97 MILLION FIGURE WAS HIS INSISTENCE THAT COSTS MUST BE KEPT BELOW \$100 MILLION IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE SOVIETS. ACCORDING TO SOURCES, SYG WAS FURIOUS WHEN TOLD THAT COSTS WOULD BE \$97 MILLION, BUT AGREED TO PARA 24 AFTER INSISTENCE OF TOP SECRETARIAT STAFF. COSTS ARE BASED ON REQUIREMENTS AS DETERMINED BY UNEF IN FIELD AND BY UN OFFICES OF GENERAL SERVICES AND FINANCIAL SERVICES. COSTS DO NOT PROVIDE, HOWEVER, FOR POSSIBLE INFLATION, CURRENCY ADJUSTMENTS, ETC.

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3. ALSO SIGNIFICANT IN PARA 24 IN FACT THAT FUTURE COSTS OF UNDOF--ESTIMATED TO BE \$15 MILLION ANNUALLY -- ARE EXCLUDED FROM FIGURES PUT FORWARD BY SYG. EXCLUSION OF UNDOF COSTS IS S/11849 CONTRARY TO APPROACH TAKEN BY SYG IN HIS REPORT OF OCTOBER 12, 1974 (S/11536). REASONING, ACCORDING TO SECRETARIAT SOURCES, SAME AS THAT CONTAINED PARA 2 ABOVE (I.E., TO COME IN WITH LOW FIGURE IN EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE SOVIETS).

4. ANNUAL COSTS FOR BOTH UNEF AND UNDOF (ASSUMING LATTER EXTENDED SUBSEQUENTLY BY SC) ON COMPARABLE BASIS WITH PRIOR YEAR, THEREFORE, ARE EXPECTED TO BE MINIMUM OF \$122 MILLION. DETAILS WILL BE PRESENTED TO ACABQ AND FIFTH COMMITTEE BY SYG ONCE SECURITY COUNCIL' ACTS ON EXTENSION. MISSION EXPECTS TO OBTAIN COPY OF LATTER REPORT WITHIN NEXT WEEK.

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